(d) if so, the steps taken to counter the growing menace of naxalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A new Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States has been approved in the Eleventh Plan, with an allocation of Rs. 500 crore, to cater to critical security infrastructure gaps, which cannot be covered under other schemes.

(c) and (d) There are no inputs to suggest that the spread of naxalism is with the connivance of ISI.

Recruitment of minors by Maoists

993. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maoist guerrillas are forcibly recruiting minors in their ranks as child soldiers in large forested areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether they are conducting a massive drive for child soldiers in their forested hideouts in Chhattisgarh which is close to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken serious view on these recruiting of minors by Maoists;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to crush them and dismantle such activities of Maoist in these areas; and

(e) whether Maoist plan to recruit Nepalis labour in India from these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, in Chhattisgarh, CPI (Maoist) have constituted special squad of minors. The State Government has banned Krantikari Adivasi Balak Sangh, an organization of minor child soldiers created by the Maoists. Naxal problem is being effectively dealt with by the State Government. A wide range of security and development measures have been put in place to wean away the youth from maoist ideology. The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Government in a variety of ways in the arena of security and development.

(e) There are no reports regarding Maoists plan to recruit Nepali labour from these districts.

Constitution of Disaster Management Authority

†994. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disaster Management Authority has been constituted after the passing of Disaster Management Bill by the Parliament;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.